

Boston March 16th 1844

In about a fortnight dear A I expect
to be living your life of quietness at B. H.
I wish I could say with you that "mentally
& spiritually I am sufficient to myself" I
have not yet attained to that perfection
but depend on spiritual guides & agreeable
people all too much, I look forward to the
time without regret; I have enjoyed the
winter very much, & tho' I have given anxiety
to my Minister, about my downward course
& had a visit yesterday from Mrs E Rand
to urge me to think better of the Successors
of the Apostle. I feel I am not less interested
in the grand truth of Revelation than I
ever was, I am sure, Christ is the foundation
of all my hopes, & the Bible, the treasure
house of promises which sustain & comfort
me every day - Mrs Rand passed an hour
with me exhorting me not to make Anti-
Slavery the touch stone of character, & telling
me she thought I had lost spirituality of
mind since I had become an Abolitionist.
She asked me what good had been done
by the Society? what souls had been converted
among the Slaves, or free Negroes? - I had

to turn the Battle against her, & told her
she ought to take an interest in this movement
& her strong prejudice against the race
told a sad story of her own State, & then for
the Ministers, I could give nothing to any
of their objects, because the unfaithfulness
of Church & Clergy had called into existence
the Anti Slavery Society, & it took a great deal
of money to publish Anti Slavery truth, pay
lecturers &c. & all which could have been
spared if the Clergy had done their duty -
she left me convinced I was as hardened
a sinner, I suspect our acquaintance ends
here, she did not seem cordial as we parted
I received a long letter from Elizabeth
Wheelwright from Newbury Port yesterday
you may remember she is Sister to Mrs
Dr Cockman, "she says I want to tell you
my trials & adventures in the Anti Slavery
cause, after planning a long time I determined
to separate myself from ~~the~~ Minister whose
whole course had been that of direct
opposition to the few Individuals claiming
the rank of Abolitionists. One of the number
had ventured to express his views in writing
& the letter not being deemed sufficiently respectful
it was suppressed. The Individual feeling
indignant at the remarks to which it

gave rise & pressed his feelings in a second
letter, the sentence of excommunication was unhesitatingly
passed on him. Being not at liberty myself to express
my views of the unchristian conduct of Ministers & Session
I wrote to a member of the Session on the subject of
removing my relationship, I requested it might be
read in the presence of the Church, that they might
understand I entirely disapproved the course they
had pursued; It was read, but would not have
been had I not stated it was the only ground
on which I could consent to receive a letter of dismission.
She then joined Mr Campbell, an abolitionist who
expresses his views ~~freely~~ publicly. — Mrs Lyman
still in London she has received some letters

to R B - I fear she will make sad havoc among
the hearts of the beaux there - adieu most truly
& affectionately L M

Ann Warren Boston

Weymouth

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You need write no
more leave & therefore
L. M. Robbins